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SENATE FACTS

(The Winchester Star)

From the Congressional Quarterly we learn several interesting facts. The oldest United States Senator is Green of Rhode Island, 83; and the youngest is Long of Louisiana, 32. Besides Senator Green, there is one other in his eighties, McKellar of Tennessee, and beside Senator Long there are three in their thirties: Nixon of California and Southers of Florida, 37, and Humphries of Minnesota, 39.

The State of California has the youngest delegation with a combined age of 79—Nixon 37, and Knowland, 42. Both are Republicans. Pennsylvania has the oldest delegation with a combined age of 138 — Martin, 71 and Duff, 67, also Republicans.

Virginia's two Senators are precisely the same age, 63. Both were born in the same town, on the same block, in the same year, both went to the Virginia Senate at the same time and both were elected to the United States Congress in 1933, Byrd to the Senate and Robertson to the House of Representatives.

STRATEGY BY PUBLIC DEBATE

(New York Herald-Tribune)

While President Truman was announcing, with very little elaboration, that the bombing of China is not being contemplated and Senator Bridges was urging that the fighting in Korea be extended or stopped, while the United Nations forces were retreating down the peninsula and General Marshall was asserting that "the situation in Korea is developing almost exactly as we anticipated," it is not surprising that the American public should be confused and distrustful. A war which is not a war, a battle which produces a planned retreat, an enemy who may be killed on one side of the river but safely trained and equipped on the other—the logic of such conditions is by no means on the surface of events.

THEY DIDN'T WAIT

(Raleigh News and Observer)

National defense may force all states to cancel annual events in the form of festivals and conventions and one Southern state has taken the lead in view of the emergency.

The azalea festival held annually in Charleston, S. C., attracts thousands of visitors from many states. It has been cancelled for 1951, however, because officials felt that such a celebration would be improper in a time of national emergency.

The ... communities had agreed to participate in the festival, but the decision to cancel it was unanimous.

PLIGHT OF THE RESERVIST

(The New York Times)

The one potential service man who is having an extremely difficult time just now planning his life is the reservist. He is the man who is liable to call to duty at almost any time, but in most cases is not informed of his position until he receives his orders. As the legislative director of the Veterans of Foreign Wars puts it, the reservists "are living like fleas in a hot skillet."

A good many of the reservists served in the Second World War and all are ready to serve their country again when they are called. However, they would like to know what policy is being followed in calling up the reserves so that they could make plans in the event of the call to duty. It is unfair particularly for the veterans in reserve status to "be regarded as poor employment or financial risks" because the partial mobilization procedure is not a fixed one. In many cases the reservist is not liable to call at all, but here again he has no way of knowing and as a result has no concrete basis on which to carry out any plans he may have.

The request for a definite reserve policy is a valid one. The House Armed Services subcommittee has heard all the complaints. We hope that the Department of Defense will take the steps necessary to set up a policy which can be used as basis for action that will help make life more livable for the reservist.

RETAILERS AS LEADERS

(The Boston Post)

The retail storekeepers of America can be counted upon to do their part in preventing scare buying and hoarding, as a prime factor in aiding the mobilization effort. At the annual convention of the National Retail Dry Goods Association in New York this point was strongly emphasized, and it was generally agreed that dealers could do a splendid job in concentrating on goods which do not involve scarce or critical materials, and introduce goods which will not undermine the defense effort.

The retail store dealers throughout the country plan an important part in the economic life of the country, and many retail dealers are leaders in their communities and even beyond those confines. They are in a position to rub elbows with their customers, and to emphasize that the defense effort is everyone's job. As in the past the retailers of America, in all lines, can be depended upon to take the leadership, living true to their ideas.

CAUTION AGAINST RUSTING ADVISED BY ENGINEER

Farmers planning to put new galvanized roofs on farm buildings should take two precautions against early rusting.

The advice comes from G. D. Kite, associate agricultural engineer at V. P. I.

He warns against selecting galvanized roofing which has too light a zinc coating.

The heavier zinc coating will give a good many extra years of rust-free service. Kite cited tests showing that roofing with a 1.8 ounce zinc coating per square foot was still serviceable after 25 years. That with a 3.0-ounce coating was still serviceable after 50 years.

The second precaution is against improper storage of roofing sheets. If the sheets are left in the open while waiting to be put on farm buildings, moisture will accumulate between them, and when zinc carbonate will form, Kite said. This permanently damages the zinc coating, and substantially reduces the rust-free life of the roofing.

Peace problem to take Dulles to Japan.

Four week-end deaths on Virginia highways reported.

France wants Maginot Line rebuilt as part of defense.

New ROTC units to begin in several Virginia colleges.

Uncle Sam Says

Many thousands of U. S. Savings Bonds for Dad, Mother, and the children were given the place of honor on as many trees last Christmas Day. But, we are now in a new year with new birthdays coming up, and one of the best gifts you can bestow is a Savings Bond, the "Present With a Future." Birthday after birthday, the Savings Bonds you give will grow and grow. Bond buying is the easiest way to go gift shopping you can find. You can purchase them at any bank or post office. Start your children on the thrift habit—the purchase of U. S. Savings Bonds.

U. S. Treasury Department

Car License Peroid Near

Richmond, Va., Jan. 17.- With the 1951 period of registration for Virginia motorists only sixty days away and the Division of Motor Vehicles preparing new license applications, officials today urged all Virginia motorists who have changed their address since registering their vehicles last year to notify the Division, furnishing the following information: new address, title number, make and motor number, 1950 license number and name as shown on the old registration card.

Change of address blanks may be secured from the Division's 110 license agents throughout the state and five branch offices located in some of the principal cities of the state.

"Each year," one Division of Motor Vehicles officials pointed out, "the Division is slowed down in processing the new applications and in serving the public promptly due to the fact that some Virginia motorists have not notified the Division of their change of address."

If a Virginia motorist plans an extended trip out of the state during the registration period, March 15 to April 15—there are fifteen days of grace between March 31 and April 15, midnight—he should leave his correct forwarding address with some responsible party in order that he receive his registration cards and plates promptly.

Failure to notify the Division of change of address and the other information listed above works a hardship on the licensee and may cause him considerable inconvenience, especially if through failure to supply the correct address, he does not receive his application card in time to secure 1951 license plates before the deadline of April 15 midnight, said said DMV officials.

Flu epidemic rages in England.

Frying Pan Pointers

If you're in the market for a frying pan here's a few tips you'll want to remember. Buy a frying pan made of a metal that can take a lot of heat—like cast iron, cast aluminum, or stainless steel. Steer away from light weight or poor quality metals. They're likely to warp and then tilt to one side. Here's another pointer—be sure to find a frying pan with a handle that's long enough for a good solid grip and won't turn over in your hand. Many and many a bad scald or burn has been caused by pans that do quick about-faces. So the watchword is buying pans is "buy quality," because buying quality pays off in the end.

Changing Cows' Feed

Mild digestive upsets in dairy cows are sometimes a warning of more trouble to come, but many cases are simply reactions to a change in feed. Even a change from one batch of hay to another cutting may cause temporary digestive disturbances in sensitive, high-producing herds. End of the pasture season, with a switch to winter rations, is another common cause of digestive trouble. Veterinarians say that the best preventive measure is to make feed changes gradually —never abruptly. For example when a batch of hay is running low, it may be advisable to mix the remainder with a part from the new cutting. This will cushion the change and give the cows an easy introduction to the new feed.

Oiled Finish for Furniture

It just takes a little work to give a piece of furniture an oiled finish that won't show spots or scratches. First, remove all dust and dirt. Then brush on a coat of finish made by mixing two parts boiled linseed oil and one part turpentine. Wipe off all excess oil with a clean cloth. Remember to clean all crevices; otherwise the oil will harden and will have to be removed with varnish remover. After this job is done, rub finish for five to 15 minutes, or until a hard, lustrous surface results. Do this at intervals of not less than two days until all dull spots disappear.

Eisenhower reviews armed forces of the British.

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Rocks

Rocks, Jan. 15.- It was real winter weather here this week-end.

A. T. Anderson and Jim Frank Ransom and R. L. Jennings were on the tobacco market selling tobacco in Farmville last Monday.

Johnny Ranson has had chicken pox recently.

Mrs. John H. Ranson was on the sick list last week.

Mrs. Rhomy Wilson spent last Wednesday with Mrs. John H. Ranson.

Mrs. Robert Roach and Mrs. Toby Inge were helping Mrs. D. R. Inge quilt Thursday.

Friends were shocked last week to hear of the death of Mrs. E. F. Sears, of Hixburg.

Mrs. D. R. Inge, Mrs. Toby E. Inge and Audrey Dale accompanied Cassie Baldwin to Central Church Friday night to a B. T. U. Group Rally.

Harry Eugene, Frank Ray and Mary Edith Ranson were not so well last week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Elder and Mr. Myers were called to Red House Friday to attend the funeral of Oscar Myers, the latter's nephew.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Roach, of Lynchburg spent the week-end here.

L. C. Elder was helping Robert Roach saw wood Saturday.

G. T. Marsh was quite sick Saturday.

S. E. Ranson took G. T. Marsh to Appomattox to see a doctor.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Jones, of Newport News spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh.

Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge and Aubrey Dale and Mrs. D. R. Inge spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach.

The quarterly business meeting will be held at the church Saturday, Jan. 20, at 7:00 P. M. All members are urged to be present. Note the change of hour.

Spring Mills

Spring Mills, Jan. 16.- Mrs. Billy Booth and little daughter, Judith, of Lynchburg visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fitz Lee, last week.

Mrs. James Ford and sons, Jimmy and Jackie visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Owen on Tuesday afternoon.

Willie Harvey has been on the sick list.

James Ford has recovered from an attack of laryagitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ford and children, Donna Grey and Dennis, of Richmond visited in the home of his mother and brother, Mrs. Carrie Ford and James Ford during the week. Mrs. Ford returned with them to Richmond on Sunday for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hunter visited in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Harvey during the week-end. Mrs. Harvey, who has been ill, is reported to be improving.

Mrs. Sep. Evans sustained a broken hip in a fall on Saturday.

Farmers are busy getting their tobacco on the market. Most of them are getting satisfactory prices.

Hixburg

Hixburg, Jan. 15.- Preaching services were held Sunday at the Mathews Baptist Church. The Rev. J. Parks Hackney gave a most thought-provoking sermon.

The community was shocked and grieved over the death of Mrs. Percy Sears, who was reared and lived her entire life in this neighborhood. The funeral was held in the Mathews Baptist Church Thursday at 2:30 P. M. and interment in the family church section. Many relatives and friends from a distance attended.

Joe Goin, who has been quite sick is able to be up again and in a few days back in his work.

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Webb has been quite sick.

The Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Black were Thursday guests in the Marshall home.

Week-end guests at the Marshall home were Dr. Twyman Williams, of Appomattox; Rev. and Mrs. J. Parks Hackney and baby daughter, of Pamplin; Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Carson and son, John, and little daughter, Bettibel, of Prospect.

Joe Goin made a wonderfully good sale of tobacco in Farmville Monday.

Route One

Route One, Jan. 16.- Friends of this community extend their sympathy to Mrs. Frank Wooldridge and Mrs. Bertha Martin in the loss of their husband and brother. Mr. Wooldridge was raised in this neighborhood.

Mrs. Will Chilton and A..a entertained the Susan Haar Home Demonstration Club on Wednesday. After the demonstration games and refreshments were enjoyed by the members.

An eye specialist is attending Mrs. Tommie O'Cull for an eye infection. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Stern and son Larry visited in the home of Mrs. Lawrence Hudson on Saturday.

Jimmie Marshall and Russell Hudson are out again after receiving minor injuries in an automobile accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Farleci have moved to Richmond.

Irwin Hudson spent Friday night with his parents.

Mrs. Dan Irby is recovering from the flu.

Thanks are a little late, but we do think Santa Claus did a wonderful job in treating the children of the county this year. They look forward to seeing him as much as hanging up stockings. So, we wish Santa and his sponsors a prosperous year.

Spout Spring

Spout Spring, Jan. 17.- Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Glenn and children, Margaret Jane and Tom, and Mrs. H. J. Meredith, of Prospect, were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Jamerson Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Reynolds and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. Jamerson Wednesday night.

Richwood

Richwood, Jan. 16.- "He who knowingly receives stolen goods is as guilty as the thief; likewise the one who accepts unchallenged malicious slander and gossip is no better than the tattler." —Quoted.

Divine services at Central Baptist Church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh were in Lynchburg Saturday and Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Joy, Jr., of Richmond spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Joy and Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Fleshman.

Carter Martin was in Lynchburg on business Monday.

Duvall Guill, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Guill, was injured in an automobile accident Thursday morning of last week. He sustained broken ribs and other lesser injuries. After receiving treatment at a Lynchburg hospital, he was taken home, where he is confined to his bed.

Mrs. Homer Mann and two younger children have moved into a dwelling on the Carter Martin place.

Hudson Harvey and Dean Pugh were in Lynchburg on business Monday.

Lonwood Love, of the U. S. Army is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jo..n Love.

Ten killed in Northwest plane crash.

Speed sought in setting up price control.

Byrnes urges Allies to bomb cities in China.

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